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SUBJECT: LETTER TO UNSYG CONCERNING VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

REFS: A. STATE 072156; B. USUN 1038

1. THE TEXT OF THE LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY TO UNSYG IS GOOD AS FAR AS IT GOES. HOWEVER, WE NOTE THAT HE HAS CONCENTRATED TOTALLY ON THE PENULTIMATE SENTENCE AND HAS TOTALLY IGNORED THE REQUESTS MADE IN THE LAST SENTENCE REQUESTING THAT HE CALL "UPON THE PARTIES INVOLVED NOT TO INTERFERE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN EFFORT TO CARE FOR THESE MASSES OF REFUGEES AND TO ASSIST THEM IN REACHING A DESTINATION OF THEIR OWN CHOOSING."

2. AS WE HAD ANTICIPATED THE APPARENTLY IMMUTABLE DESIRE OF THE BUREAUCRACY NOT TO OFFEND THOSE DRAFTING THE SECRETARY'S LETTER HAVE NOT MADE SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE MASSIVE VIOLATIONS OF THE MOST ELEMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE. IT IS, THEREFORE

SUGGESTED THAT IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO SENDING ANOTHER LETTER TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL. THE TEXT WE WOULD PROPOSE FOLLOWS:

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BEGIN TEXT:

I AM COMPELLED TO BRING ONCE AGAIN TO YOUR ATTENTION  
THE MASSIVE VIOLATIONS OF THE MOST ELEMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS  
BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE EXPEDITIONARY FORCES NOW INVADING THE  
TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM IN TOTAL VIOLATION OF THE  
SOLEMN AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED IN YOUR PRESENCE ON JANUARY 28,  
1973.

APART FROM THE FACT OF THE INVASION ITSELF, THE WORLD HAS  
NOW NOTED THE SAVAGE AND BRUTAL MEANS USED BY THE NORTH  
VIETNAMESE EXPEDITIONARY FORCES TO SUPPRESS THE ATTEMPTS OF  
THE REFUGEES TO LEAVE DANANG. IT IS NOW QUITE CLEAR THAT ONLY  
NAKED FORCE, MERCILESSLY EMPLOYED WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST CONCERN  
FOR THE MAIMING AND DEATH OF WOMEN, CHILDREN, AND DEFENSELESS  
CIVILIANS COULD HAVE PREVENTED THE FLIGHT OF MORE THAN A MILLION  
REFUGEES FROM DANANG TO SAFER AREAS IN SOUTH VIET-NAM. SHIPS  
AND PLANES FROM SEVERAL NATIONS WERE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST IN  
THIS WHOLLY HUMANITARIAN UNDERTAKING.

AMONG THE MOST ELEMENTAL RIGHTS SET FORTH IN THE UNIVERSAL  
DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS ARE THOSE SPECIFIED IN ARTICLES 13  
AND 14 WHICH SPECIFY THE RIGHT OF ANY INDIVIDUAL TO LEAVE ANY  
COUNTRY AND TO SEEK AND ENJOY ASYLUM FROM PERSECUTION.

RARELY, IN THE DECADES SINCE THE ADOPTION BY THE GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION HAS THE WORLD WITNESSED  
SO GROSS AND BRUTAL VIOLATIONS OF ITS PROVISIONS AS IT IS NOW  
SEEING DAILY IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE EXPEDITIONARY  
FORCES IN SOUTH VIET-NAM.

I, THEREFORE, AGAIN CALL ON YOU WHO, IN YOUR CAPACITY OF  
SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY  
TO ENGAGE THE CONSCIENCE OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY, TO BRING YOUR  
GREAT INFLUENCE TO BEAR ON THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC  
REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM TO PERMIT THESE REFUGEES TO DEPART. END  
TEXT.

3. THERE IS NOT MUCH TIME. THE SITUATION IS SERIOUS AND, IT SEEMS  
TO US, COMMON DECENCY DEMANDS THAT A FEW THINGS BE SAID VERY  
EXPLICITLY.

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